

STATE OF TENNESSEE

PUBLIC CHAPTER NO. 309

SENATE BILL NO. 1925

By Haynes, Burks, Crowe

Substituted for: House Bill No. 1823

By Winningham, Maddox

AN ACT to amend Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, relative to use of the drug ritalin in schools.

BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE:

SECTION 1. Tennessee Code Annotated, Title 49, Chapter 1, Part 3, is amended by adding the following as a new section:

(a) The State Board of Education shall review the policies of local education agencies concerning employees or persons under contract with the LEA recommending the use of psychotropic drugs to treat children enrolled in elementary or secondary schools. Psychotropic drugs are defined as prescription medications for behavioral or social-emotional concerns, such as attention deficit, impulsivity, anxiety, depression, and thought disorders. Psychotropic drugs include such medications as ritalin, adderall, dexadrine and other stimulant medication, and antidepressants. The State Board shall report to the Select Oversight Committee on Education concerning its findings and recommendations.

SECTION 2. This act shall take effect upon becoming a law, the public welfare requiring it.

PASSED: May 18, 2009



RON RAMSEY
SPEAKER OF THE SENATE



KENT WILLIAMS, SPEAKER
HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

APPROVED this 27th day of May 2009



PHIL BREDESEN, GOVERNOR